

IN NORTH TOPEKA

Soldier Creek Is Being Polluted
by Garbage Haulers.

Schools Will Open Sept. 7 in
Country Districts.

Complaints are being made by persons living near Soldier creek that refuse is being dumped into the stream. At one spot near Garfield park a large quantity of waste material has accumulated making the condition of the creek there particularly unsanitary, it is alleged. The situation is extremely serious, persons living near the creek say, because the creek is not now running, the water there having backed up from the river. Waste matter thrown into the stream is not washed into the river. Action looking toward the curtailment of the practice must be taken by county officials as the refuse appears to have been dumped at a point just outside the city limits. No formal complaint has been made to either the city or county officers.

Schools Open September 7.
Opening of the school year in the country has been set for September 7, and practically all the district schools north of the city have completed arrangements to begin enrollment for the new term on that date. The date was suggested by John F. Eby, county superintendent of schools, but the acceptance is optional with the school boards. To obtain a more uniform school year throughout the county the date suggested by Mr. Eby will be adopted by the majority of the boards.

Repairs on many of the school houses north of the city have been rushed for the past month. New furnaces have been installed in a number of buildings. Interior and exterior decoration has been general. In a few districts new school houses have been erected.

Teachers for schools in the northern part of Shawnee county were obtained more than a month ago. In many instances school ma'ams who taught last year have been retained.

Grange To Hold Open Meeting.
An open meeting will be held at Pleasant Hill Grange Saturday, August 28. A feature of the meeting will be an address by Mrs. Ella Burton, state lecturer. The program for the evening will also include several musical numbers. No admission will be charged.

Red Men on Raid.
To increase the membership of the Red Men in North Topeka will be held tonight. Plans for the raid on the ranks of the North Side palefaceds will be laid at a meeting to be held this evening at the Red Men hall.

C. Moulton, deputy great sachem for the state of Kansas, will be present at the meeting tonight and will remain on the North Side during the campaign. The duration of the attack on the palefaceds has not been determined.

Notes and Personal.
J. C. Snediker of the Austin-Snediker Mercantile company has returned from a business trip to New York, Chicago and other eastern points.

Officials of the A. T. & S. F. railroad have completed what is believed to be the final estimate for a new sta-

tion in North Topeka to replace the one burned down last winter. The new structure will be located between the Union Pacific and Santa Fe main lines north of Gordon street.

Miss Tina Cunningham of Kansas City is the guest of Miss Ethel McClure.

Mrs. J. Van Laningham and her daughter, Miss Mammie, of Baldwin, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hall, 831 North Quincy street.

Mrs. H. E. Pitt, 809 North Quincy street, is visiting friends and relatives in Joplin, Mo.

M. A. Hutchinson of Kiro was in North Topeka Wednesday on business.

George L. Rymer has returned from a business trip to Kinsley, Kan.

Louis Wintery of Hoyt was in North Topeka Wednesday on business.

A. M. Petro, druggist—Adv.

Mrs. Patrick Cunningham of 826 North Jackson street is visiting her daughters in Silver Lake.

O. F. Dillon of Silver Lake was in North Topeka Wednesday on business.

The general committee of the Odd Fellows is making arrangements for the union picnic of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs held its final meeting last night.

NO CLASS FOR THEM

Exhibit of Skunks Is Declined by Fair Management.

"I, J. E. Negley, of Hudson, Kansas, agree to exhibit a fair held at Topeka. This exhibit to consist of one pair of skunks and these animals to be harmless in every way."

"Read that again," demanded Sam Lux, president and manager of the big fair when the above blank contract was read to him by his official stenographer, Dale Varner.

It was read again and then a letter which says: "I have some pet animals that I want to exhibit to you, giving me \$15 to \$100 to exhibit with them."

"From \$15 to \$100 for an exhibit of two skunks?" exploded President Lux.

"But these are not the ordinary, or garden variety of skunks," pleaded Varner who is something of an authority on skunkology.

"Why not?"

"Because the contract specifically states that they are harmless in every way."

"Under what classification would an exhibit of harmless skunks come?" asked the manager of Col. Bill Stagg, the mentor and authority on all questions regarding classification.

"Let's see," mused the colonel.

"Not under dairy animals, not under textile, not under beef breeds. I give it up."

"I don't know," said Kreipe, the superintendent of the speed department. "They are not runners."

So, just because the classification could not be determined by these experts the harmless skunks are not coming to the fair.

MASONIC NOTICE

There will be a special communication of Topeka Lodge No. 17, A. F. & M. M., Friday, August 27, at 8:15 a. m., to attend the funeral of Brother John M. Sentz. All Master Masons invited to meet with us.

RALPH W. SQUIRES, Master.
CARL W. NELLIS, Secretary.
(Advertisement.)

SNAP SHOTS

AT HOME NEWS

Arthur Beville will erect a \$2,000 dwelling at 403 Reno street.

Buy Johnson's prepared wax to polish your cars with. Southwick's, 125 Kansas avenue.—Adv.

Richard Schwalm, who was operated on at a local hospital two weeks ago, is recovering slowly.

There were a good many Topeka people who fed lightly Wednesday, forgetting that it was the day of the big grocers' picnic.

S. D. Flora, the local weather observer, is expected to return to Topeka tonight. He has been enjoying a vacation in Indiana.

A. M. Lamar, of Dallas, Tex., chief clerk to the vice president of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Lines, is in Topeka today, calling on local railroad men.

An innovation in the way of socials will be given by the G. G. G. of the Highland Park Sunday school Friday evening, August 27, at the school house.

This is the kind of weather for parties "on the old front porch." Of course there is limitation to the varieties of parties that are favored by this cool period.

John A. Davis, a jeweler and watchmaker located in the Orpheum building, will open a store at 603 Kansas avenue. The move will be made September 1.

Oscar Hartman was sentenced to serve a sentence of not more than two years in the state penitentiary for wife desertion today, in the second division of the district court.

The bond of \$50,000 for E. A. Campbell, treasurer-elect of Shawnee county, is for a period of two years and not three. The county clerk has called for bids on this bond.

The subject at the prophetic conference at the Salvation Army hall, 409 Kansas avenue, is "The Second Coming." Last night's text was "Has Christianity Failed," and was well attended.

The officials of the Central Y. M. C. A. are considering turning the big west room on the fourth floor of the building into a handball court. This game is even more popular than volleyball in the large cities.

E. G. Chouteau of Kansas City state manager for the Court of Honor, will attend the meeting of Shawnee court No. 515 tomorrow night. Refreshments will be served and a dance will be given after the meeting.

M. W. Gilmore and James McCarne, jitney drivers, were arrested Wednesday night for speeding. They were released on a promise to appear for trial Friday. Motor Policemen Richards and Welsh made the arrests.

Dr. Harold B. Wood, city physician, was conducted on an inspection tour through the Santa Fe shops Wednesday. He was favorably impressed with the number of devices installed to lessen the danger of accidents.

Prof. Emil Wilm, formerly professor of philosophy at Washburn college, has been given the chair of philosophy at Boston university, succeeding Benjamin W. Van Riper, resigned.

T. W. Cartnell, Tenth and Gillmore avenues, reported to Sheriff L. L. Klene that a set of harness had been stolen from his barn. He offers \$10 reward for the return of the harness.

and says that he will not ask any questions.

Topeka men are not very earnest devotees of Robert Reed, according to a young man who came here recently from the east. This man made the statement that he had never been in a place where so many men chew tobacco as here.

Without intending any disloyalty a waitress in a Topeka restaurant stated today that she would be glad when the Cremerie opened for business. Since the Cremerie closed the other cafes have experienced a material increase in business.

A Topeka man went to a local store the other day to buy his boy a hat. He looked over the supply and selected one. Then he glanced at the name. It said, "Made in Germany—The Lusitania." The man thought this was heaping insult on injury.

A free clinic for babies is being held today at the Parkside street school. This is the first of weekly clinics under the direction of the Topeka Public Health Nursing association. A clinic for Mexican babies has been started at Branner school.

Big watermelons are being shipped to Topeka from Oklahoma and are on sale at local stores at 1½ cents a pound. Some of the melons weigh as high as seventy-five pounds. The local crop which is late, will be light. Some of the "patches" were washed out.

A housemaid in Topeka who had not heard of the grocers' and butchers' picnic neglected to order supplies for Wednesday's meal. Asked by the lady of the house if she had any bread, the girl replied: "Yes, that's the one thing we haven't anything else but."

Lists of prices on coal at the various stations in the county have been compiled by the committee of the Topeka chamber of commerce for the use of the granges in the country. Granges should consult the committee before ordering their coal supply for the winter.

W. W. Stahl of Lyons, Kan., was in Topeka today on legal business. Stahl is an old Washburn football player and is well known among the grade of the college because of his prowess on the gridiron. He has been county attorney of Rice county but does not hold that position now.

Early this spring there was an unusually large number of people walking on crutches around Topeka. Now injuries to eyes are prevalent. Many people with bandages over one eye seem to be seen around town. These things seem to be epidemic, the same as smallpox, measles and other diseases.

An excellent chance for some one to lose an eye or two is afforded by the branches of a thorny locust tree that brushes the side of the street cars just west of the Potwin station. When the windows are open the branches protrude through and passengers have to dodge to escape being scratched by the thorns.

A reformed "night owl" reports that only a year ago he walked several times from Seventeenth and Lane street to Gordon and Kansas avenue in North Topeka after midnight without seeing anything in uniform except a porter at the National hotel. One can't travel three blocks now without running into at least one cop.

A complimentary dinner will be served in Gemmill hall Friday evening at 6:30 o'clock as a farewell event in honor of Joseph P. Reiser, whose resignation as physical director of the Central Y. M. C. A. will become effective September 1. There will be a reception following the dinner.

ner. The program: Violin solo, Louis R. Smith; cornet solo, Charles Seacat; Sherrill Smith, piano accompanist; vocal duet, Miss Madeline Hoopes and H. A. Jungk, and selections by the Y. M. C. A. quartet. There also will be short talks.

Remodeling of the new quarters of the public utilities commission on the fifth floor of the state house has not yet been completed. A bunch of old records has been transferred but it is probable that the commission will occupy their old rooms on the first floor until late in September.

WATER SOAKED LETTERS

Written When Galveston Flood Was at Its Height.

A water-soaked letter with a Galveston date-line and a Texas City cancellation stamp on the envelope, has just been received by James A. Pringle, contractor. It was written by J. B. Wilkinson, who was a time-keeper for Fringle while the West Side sewer was under construction.

"Have just returned from the sea wall, and find your letter. It is good to get it, for it may be the last on this side of the great beyond," begins the letter which was dated Aug. 16. The letter continues:

"At this writing, the storm which is raging over the gulf is hurling itself against and over the sea wall, and the bay on the other side of the island is backing up on us. Our office is three or four blocks from the bay, and the water has filled the streets, backed up over the sidewalks and now is finding its way into the store. It is very probable this letter never will reach you."

After writing of personal matters the letter again refers to the storm.

"It is now 3:05 p. m. and the weather bureau predicts its continuance throughout the night. There is no escape from the island, every avenue having been cut off. Reports come in that the fishing pier and both houses are torn away. My letter started at 2:30 p. m., but this is a second attempt. The weather man says the island, anyway, this portion of it will be ten or fifteen feet under water. I will now have to give up my plan of writing a long letter, for the water in the store is driving us up on the counter. There are between fifty and seventy-five persons gathered in this building."

Mr. Pringle does not know whether Wilkinson escaped or not. He has not heard from him since the letter was written and thinks the letter may have been mailed by some other person.

Wilkinson has had an eventful, but rather shaky business career. He was a millionaire, but lost most of his money in mining in Mexico.

OUTLOOK IS GOOD

L. M. Crawford Predicts a Prosperous Theatrical Season.

The theatrical outlook is good throughout the country, according to L. M. Crawford, of Topeka, who has just returned from a business trip to New York city. Mr. Crawford looked after the bookings for the Grand opera house while there and also attended to other matters.

"Managers are gaining confidence day by day," he said, "and every one I talked to is looking forward to a much better year than last. The season of 1914-1915 was a bad one and naturally many producers are timid in putting on new plays. However if the season opens in good shape they will fill the theaters with productions which are ready for staging at any time."

Mr. Crawford said that other lines of business will do better than last year, in the opinion of New York financial men. With the restoration of confidence in the public mind, the rather shaky basis caused by the European war will be supplanted by a more solid foundation. That is the way New Yorkers look at it, Mr. Crawford says.

OAKLAND NOTES.

[Items for this department may be phoned to 3615 or State Journal office.]

Mrs. Clara Burns and daughter Ruth of Sheridan, Wyo., arrived here Tuesday to join Mrs. Burns' mother, Mrs. J. W. Cubbison, in a visit to the C. C. Cole family.

Mrs. J. E. Glendenning has sold her property in Green street and will move to her new home in West Eighth street with a short time.

Ralph Fay is reported recovering slowly from injuries received to his hand a few days ago.

M. A. Ward of Forest avenue has gone to Leavenworth to visit friends a few days.

Miss Beatrice Miller is entertaining this week at her home in Arter avenue Misses Helen McPherson and Georgia Stimpfle.

Miss Ruth Robinson has returned to her home in Silk Creek, Mo., after a few weeks visit with relatives here.

Miss Laura Strange of Green street has gone to Carthage and Joplin, Mo., to visit relatives a few weeks.

Mrs. H. M. McClelland of Indianapolis, Ind., is here, called by the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. D. M. Ruth-bun.

Miss Irene Fournay of Kansas City, Mo., is spending a few weeks with her uncle, D. E. Biggs, and family in Kel-lam avenue.

Mrs. Joseph Bower entertained the members of the Busy Bee club Wednesday afternoon at her home in Wabash avenue. Those present were: Mrs. George Gladfelter, Mrs. Phillip Meinhardt, Mrs. Fred Skidmore, Mrs. Glen Harmon, Mrs. L. Smith, Mrs. Ira Hawver, Mrs. Ella Chaplin, Mrs. Joseph Gordon, Mrs. Martin Goodman and Mrs. Bower. The next meeting will be held September 22 with Mrs. Chaplin in Wabash avenue.

Mr. George Borst of Ohio is visiting his brother, Fred Borst, and family in Poplar street this week.

Mrs. Z. A. Reser has returned to her home in Dover, after a short visit with relatives here.

Dr. H. E. Wolfe, district superintendent of the M. E. churches, and Rev. A. E. Peterson of the Oakland M. E. church are attending the various churches in the Topeka district this week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lingo, Mrs. Clara Burns and daughter Ruth and Mrs. J. W. Cubbison of Sheridan, Wyo., were dinner guests yesterday at the C. R. Cole home.

We desire to thank our kind friends and neighbors for the sympathy and beautiful floral offerings in the death of our husband and father, MRS. V. N. ANDERSON and FAMILY.—Adv.

Caloric Fireless Cookers at Forbes.—Adv.

Boys Need New Suits

After vacation come the happy school days. We're preparing you parents for splendid savings if you take the "bull by the horns" and Buy Now!

Boys' \$3.50 School Suits, 2 Pants \$2.00

There has never been such a sale as this just before the beginning of school. It's a big new lot of about 300 suits closed out from one of our New York manufacturers. All are staunch wearing cassimers and other sturdy fabrics in splendid colorings for school and all-around wear. With each suit an extra pair of full cut knickerbockers.

By agreeing to take the entire lot of these suits with 2 pants, Friday only..... \$2.00

CHILDREN'S WASH SUITS NOW HALF PRICE

\$15 YOUNG MEN'S CLASSY SUITS... \$11.00

These are positively the best values you ever saw at this price. Full of many new ideas, splendidly tailored in all the newest fabrics, including neat dark and light checks, fancy chevrons and blue serges. On special sale Friday..... \$11.00

Boy's Straw Hats 1/2 Price

Auerbach & Guettel The Palace CLOTHING CO.

See Where They're At

Lend Your Moral Support to the Savages

Pass your money into the box office—they're both needed

Last Game with the Josies Tomorrow

Go out and watch the Savages win another—it won't hurt St. Joe.

Ladies Free Tomorrow

MUTUAL MASTER PICTURES

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718 Kansas Ave. TODAY

Circus life in all its realism. Pictured in

The Flying Twins

A four-part Mutual Masterpiece. Featuring Marion and Madeline Fairbanks. Produced by the Thanhouser Film Co. of Rochelle, New York.

TOMORROW—THE OUTLAW'S REVENGE

or The Dawn of a New Republic

A Mexican drama of sentiment and adventure, founded on the life of General Villa. Dealing with the border warfare of the present time. In four parts, starring the talented Mae Marsh, Roul Walsh and Irene Hunt.

SATURDAY—ROBERT EDESON in The Absentee

MUTUAL MASTER PICTURES

RED PEP'S PHILOSOPHY

Some people tell the same fish story so often that they really believe it is true.

We are, to some extent in the same boat. We have a fish special on every Friday that we believe is real.

For Tomorrow

Cat Fish - Halibut

Double Crab on Shell

Tuna Fish Salad

If you have a desire for fish you will certainly be pleased with one of these four.

Ideal Bakery and Delicatessen

121 West 6th St.

Western Fare Hearing Oct. 6-7.

Washington, Aug. 26.—Arguments on the adjustment of passenger fares on western railroads will be held here before the interstate commerce commission October 6 and 7. Arguments on adjustment in eastern live stock rates will be heard here October 8.

GARFIELD DANCING TONIGHT

Aurora Theatre Today Only

Broadway Star featuring Bryan Washburn and Edna Mayo.

JUST LIKE KIDS

Billy Reaves and Mae Hotley

At The Paxton & Paxton Store

Our August Clearance Sale Offers Savings of Importance for Your Consideration

Note the Quality and Make Comparison; Then You Will Know for Yourself That This Store Can and Does Make the Lowest Prices

PAXTON DRESS GOODS PRICES

\$1.00 Jap Sik, yard 79c—A beautiful satin finished quality, in dots and figures, 36 inches wide. Clearance Sale Price, yard 79c.

69c Silk Messaline, yard 59c—This silk is 26 inches wide; comes in best wanted colors; buy it in this sale, yard 59c.

Striped Silk Messaline, yard 50c—This silk is 24 inches wide, in a good selection of colors and stripes, yard 50c.

Cotton Piece Goods

7½ Percales, yd., 5½c—Book-fold, 28 inches wide, light and dark styles, neat patterns. Sale price, yard, 5½c.

25c Plaid Suitings, yd., 19c—Splendid for early fall wear or children's school dresses. Priced special, yard, 19c.

10c Dress Gingham, yd., 7½c—Standard quality, splendid for women's and children's dresses, good assortment of plaids, stripes and checks.

Apron Gingham, yd., 5c—A good line of checks and colors worth 6½c, clearance sale price, yd., 5c.

Bleached Muslin, yd., 6½c—A nice soft quality that we retail regularly for 8½c. Special, yd., 6½c.

12½c Linen Crash, 10c—A good heavy unbleached, all linen, 16 in. wide.

Dress Prints, yd., 5c—All styles and colors, standard quality, worth 6½c. Sale price, yd., 5c.

25c Turkish Towels, 19c—Heavy double thread, bleached, size 44x22.

20x44 Bleached Turkish Towels, 15c—Firmly woven, good quality, each 15c.

Men's, Boys' and Children's Clothing

Men's Fine All Wool Worsted Suits \$10 and \$12.50—These suits are made up in blue serge and fancy worsteds, tailored in the best manner; style and fit guaranteed; nothing better in Topeka for less than \$15; our price \$10 and \$12.50.

Boys' Suits, \$3, \$3.50 and \$4.50—These suits come in blue and gray cassimers, blue serges and worsteds; made in the Russian or Norfolk styles. Some have the extra pair pants. You easily save \$1 to \$2 on each suit.

Furnishings for Men and Boys

Men's Fine Madras Dress Shirts—Neat patterns, 75c value for 50c.

Men's Blue Chambray Work Shirts—Priced at each 39c.

Boys' 50c Pongee Shirts—Most all sizes; a good 50c value, Clearance Price, each 29c.

Women's and Children's Ready-to-Wear at Clearance Prices

Women's \$7.95 Dresses \$4.95—Made of fine voiles—the wide three tier skirt style, beautifully made and finished, our regular low price \$7.50; Sale Price \$4.95.

\$4.50 Voile Dresses \$2.98—Handsomely made of plain or dotted voiles; the skirt has the new raised waist line; neatly trimmed. Clearance Price \$2.98.

Women's Linen Dresses \$1.79—Made of pure linen; collars and cuffs of white pique; yoke skirt button trimmed.

Children's Dresses 50c—Gingham or percale; pleated skirt; long waist style; well made and nicely trimmed; ages 6 to 14.

Save on Underwear and Hosiery

Women's Union Suit, 25c—Low neck, perfect form fitting garment, lace trimmed or tight knee style, regular and extra sizes.